

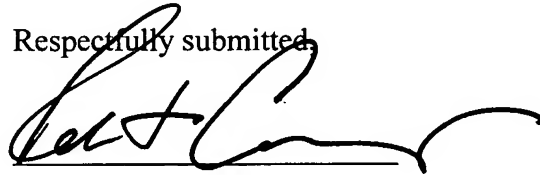
Remarks

Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the application. Certain claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies and to better conform to US practice. The specification has been amended to add headings. An Abstract has been added to the Application. No new matter has been added to the Application. Entry of the Preliminary Amendment and an early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests that allowance be granted at the earliest date possible. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding Applicant's amendments or response, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert E. Cannuscio', written over a horizontal line.

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